GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
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WPI and CPI
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether an increase in Wholesale Price Index (WPI) and decrease in Consumer Price Index (CPI) was estimated in the country during January, 2017 and if so, the details thereof;
(b) the percentage of the said increase and reduction registered during the same period last year, 2016; and
(c) the reasons for the increase in WPI and decrease in CPI?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
(SHRI C. R. CHAUDHARY)

(a) : Both Wholesale Price index (WPI) as well as Consumer Price Index (CPI) recorded increase for the month of January, 2017 over January, 2016. However, over the month, WPI rose to 184.6 in January, 2017 from 183.3 during December, 2016 while CPI declined to 130.3 from 130.4 during the same period.
(b) : WPI fell by 1.1% in January, 2016 over January, 2015 while CPI rose by 5.7% for the same period. However, WPI fell by 0.79% for January, 2016 over December, 2015 while CPI rose by 0.15%, over the same period.
(c) : WPI for the month of January, 2017 over December, 2016 rose mainly due to rise in index of fuel & power and manufactured products groups while CPI declined due to fall in index of food & beverages group.

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